MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

ABBOTT'S CREEK MEETING HOUSE,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 27—29, 1853.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

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Abbott's Creek Meeting House, Davidson County, }
August 27, 1853. }

The members of the Liberty Association met according to adjournment, when the Introductory Sermon was preached by brother B. Lanier, from Mat. 24th ch., and 14th v.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again, and the Association was called to order by our former Moderator. Religious exercises were conducted by bro. Wm. Turner.

2. The Churches were then called by the Moderator, when their letters were presented and their contents noted. (See last page.)

3. Finding that a majority of the Delegates from the Churches present, the Association proceeded to the choice of a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the election of B. Lanier.

On motion of bro. Wm. Turner, the Moderator called on correspondents from sister Associations and invited them to take seats, when bro.'s John Robeson, T. S. Yarbrough, R. Goaley, Wm. N. Herriford, Julius Terrell, H. J. Robe-

son, and Orin Churchill, from the Beulah, and C. W. Bessent, J. J. Blackwood, from the Yadkin; Enoch Crutchfield, from the Sandy Creek, all came forward, were cordially received by the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

On motion, invitation given to Ministering Brethren.

4. On motion, appointed bro.'s William Turner, Joseph Spurgen, William Coggin, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, with the invitation to Corresponding Ministers to set with them.

5. On motion of bro. Robeson a committee was appointed to arrange preaching during the meeting, consisting of the Pastor and Delegates of Abbott's Church and bro. Wm. Turner, and to appoint some bro. to preach a Missionary Sermon on Sabbath at eleven o'clock, A. M.

6. On motion of bro. Wm. Turner, that a collection be taken up on Sabbath, and that the same be appropriated to Missionary purposes within the bounds of this Association.

7. On motion, bro. John Teague and John Redwine were appointed a Committee of Finance.

8. On motion of bro. Griffiith, the following Committees were appointed, viz:

On Sabbath Schools—R. H. Griffith, C. W. Bessent, and J. Welch.

On Missions—T. S. Yarbrough, Peter Riley, and A. Delap.

On Education—William Lambeth, R. H. Griffith, and Richard Barnes, Sr.

On Church Letters and state of Religion—Bro. Wm. Turner, Wm. N. Herriford, R. Jacobs, John Teague.

On State Convention—Bro. Wm. Turner, T. S. Teague, R. Jacobs, and A. Palmer.

8. On motion, the Association give place to the Bible Society on Monday at twelve o'clock to hold their meeting.

On motion, that all papers be referred to the Committee of Arrangements, with letter from Wm. H. Hamner.

On motion, adjourned until Monday nine o'clock. Benediction bro. by R. H. Griffith.

THE FLOWERS COLLECTION

SABBATH.

The brethren appointed to occupy the stand, at the appointed hours met a large and orderly congregation, and preached as follows, to wit:

Elder C. W. Bessent, at 8 o'clock, A. M., from 9th chap. of John and 4th verse.

Elder R. H. Griffith, at 10 o'clock, from 3d chap. of John and 16th verse.

Elder T. S. Yarbrough, at 10 o'clock, from 14th chapter of Matthew and 19th verse.

Elder E. Crutchfield, at two o'clock, P. M., from 18th chapter of Proverbs and 19th verse.

Elder Wm. N. Herriford, at night, from 4th chapter of Collossians and 2d verse.

The word preached had a good effect on those that heard.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. John Robeson.

1. On motion of bro. R. H. Griffith, the report of the Committee of arrangements was received and dismissed.

2. Called on Correspondents to report. Those appointed to Yadkin reported: attended and had an interesting meeting. Those appointed to the other Associations failed to attend. Only one attended the Peedee.

3. On motion the following Correspondents were appointed to sister Associations:

To the Yadkin—John Teague, Richard R. Griffith, William Turner.

To the Brier Creek—On motion of bro. Turner, that the Clerk correspond with them by forwarding them a package of our Minutes.

To the Sandy Creek, first Sabbath in October—Joel Moody, Jonathan Welch, and Azariah Williams.

To the Pee Dee.—Enoch Davis, Eli Davis.

To the Beulah.—Richard H. Griffith, Wm. Turner, A. Delap, and B. Lanier.

4. On motion, our Missionary, bro. R. Jacks, reported. Report received. (See Letter B.)

5. On motion, Committees reported, and reports adopted. (See Letter C, on Education; Letter D, on Missions; Letter E, on the Baptist State Convention; Letter F, on the State of Religion, and Church Letters, A.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Churches.	*Missionary Fund.*	*Association Fund.*
Lick Creek,	$6 87½	$1 75
Jersey,		2 80
Abbott's Creek,	2 75	2 00
Marion,	2 00	55
Liberty,		1 00
Holloway's, (by A. Palmer,)	5 00	1 65
Big Creek,	3 00	I 00
Reed's ⋋ Roads,	8 75	1 70
Pine M. House,		1 00
Tom's Creek,	6 00	75
Jamestown,	3 10	75
New Friendship,	7 50	1 00
Salisbury,		1 50
	44 97½	17 45
Public collection on Sabbath,	19 30	Due Clerk, 25
	64 27½	17 20

The balance due the Missionary, was paid by the following individuals:

Joseph Spurgen,	$2 00	Wm. Raper, Sr.,	$0 50
R. Witherington,	1 00	R. S. Green,	50
H. Copple,	1 00	T. S. Yarbrough,	50
Joel Moody,	1 00	R. H. Griffith,	50

Jacob Huffman, 50,

And different brethren paid the balance.

6. On motion, the Treasurer was authorised to pay the same over to the Missionary.

7. On motion, bro. Richard Jacks was appointed Missionary for the ensuing year, to ride the whole year at $20 per month, amounting to $240 per year.

8. On motion, appointed a Board of Missions, consisting of one member from each Church, to manage the Missionary operations in the Association, consisting of Wm. Turner, John Redwine, Joseph Spurgen, B. Lanier, Jonathan

Welch, Henry Copple, A. Williams, A. Palmer, David Charles, Wm. R. Coggin, Richard Barnes, Sr., R. S. Green, A. G. Allen, and any five of that number to form a quorum.

9. On motion agreed to hold the next Annual Meeting of this body with Reed ⋈ Roads Church, five miles west of Lexington, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1854.

10. On motion, appointed bro. A. Kinney to preach the Introductory Sermon, and bro. Wm. Turner, his alternate.

11. On motion, appointed bro. Richard H. Griffith, to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, and bro. Lanier his alternate.

12. On motion, appointed the ordained Ministers of this Association a standing Presbytery for this year, and three of them to form a quorum.

13. *Whereas*, There is disorder existing in the Church at New Friendship, we agree to appoint a Committee of seven to attend them on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October next, and to report to the next Association what members are living in peace, and who they consider the Church. The Committee to consist of A. Palmer, Aquilla Jones, Jonathan Welch, William Clinard, Joseph Spurgen, Jesse Jones, George F. Smith, and on motion, bro. R. Jacks, our Missionary, was appointed to attend at the same time.

14. On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association observe Friday before the first Sabbath in November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God for a Revival of Religion within these bounds and throughout the world.

15. On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association return thanks to the brethren and friends for their hospitality in entertaining the members of the Association during its session.

Received of Azariah Williams, Treasurer, Eighty Dollars in full for Missionary labor rendered in the bounds of Liberty Association, the past year.

August 30, 1853. R. JACKS.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Association recommend the patronage of the Biblical Recorder and the Home and Foreign Journal.

A memorial presented to the Association on Saturday and referred to the Committee of Arrangements, was now read before the Association. After some remarks by several brethren, the following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted, bro. Richard H. Griffith, acting as Clerk, *pro. tem.*

Whereas, Wm. H. Hamner has presented a memorial to this body in which he charges the Baptist Church at Reed's Cross Roads with unchristian conduct in its refusal to restore him to its fellowship, therefore

Resolved, That we see no cause for disapproving the course by the Church in this matter, and still retain full confidence in its impartiality and gospel order.

Whereas, The character of bro. A. Williams, has been publicly impeached by William H. Hamner, charging him with falsehood, therefore

Resolved, That we have implicit confidence in the veracity and piety of bro. A. Williams. RICHARD H. GRIFFITH, Clerk, *pro tem.*

☞All the Delegates names marked thus *, were absent.

Test. BENJ. LANIER, *Moderator.*

A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

Missionary Board.

The Board appointed on Missionary operations within this Association, will hold Quarterly Meetings in the Town of Lexington, commencing on Staturday before the 4th Sabbath in November next, to transact the business belonging to said Board. A full attendance is desired every time if possible. BENJ. LANIER, *Chairman.*

A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

Appendix.

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Report of Committee on Church Letters & State of Religion.

Your Committee submit the following report:—They have ascertained that in some sections within our bounds, there is a good state of feeling. In the neighborhoods of Liberty, Toms Creek, Reed's ⋈ Roads, Abbott's Creek and Salisbury, God has been pouring out his Spirit, and many have turned to the ways of righteousness. The Churches seem to be at peace among themselves, but some of them are destitute of pastoral supplies. There is much room, also, for ministerial labor in destitute neighborhoods; an efficient Missionary has great room to do good, both in acting as pastor of destitute Churches, and in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in destitute neighborhoods. May the Great Head of the Church assist us to do his will.

WILLIAM TURNER.

B

Missionary Report.

Dear Brethren:—It now becomes my duty to report to you some amount of labor as your Missionary. I have had some good meetings. The Lord has blessed his own Truth in the conviction of sinners; saints have been made happy in the Love of God, and forwarded on their journey towards heaven. At some of my meetings we witnessed several happy conversions. Our missionary operations are advancing in the bounds of the Association, there are some difficulties in the way. But these can be surmounted. Let us thank God for what he has done, and persevere in the good work, trusting his grace

for time to come. I have travelled 126 days, preached 98 sermons, baptized one, and 13 have professed hope in Christ. At my meetings we have made collections for the Association, which funds were sent up by their delegates. All of which is respectfully submitted. R. JACKS.

C

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that the great field of christian effort at the present day, in our land, is the youthful mind. It is the one most promising of success—yet the one most neglected. In youth, the mind is most susceptible of impressions—impressions that last during life, giving tone to the character, and shaping the destiny of the individual. Now, shall there be in this season of youth no religious impressions? Shall not the youthful mind —ay, the youthful heart be pointed to the Savior who said, "suffer little children to come unto me"?

In the view of your Committee, the Sabbath School is the very best plan to effect results so desirable. The history of the Sabbath School shows this.— Any Church that wishes to do any thing for the religious welfare of the rising generation, should have and keep up a Sabbath School. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, Delegates and Ministers, here assembled in Association, will do all we possibly can to start and keep up a Sabbath School in the Churches to which we belong, and which we here represent.

RICHARD H. GRIFFITH, *Chairman*.

D

Report of the Committee on Education.

It is the opinion of your Committee, that no parent discharges the obligations God has imposed upon him or her, who fails to use every possible means to give to his or her children a good education. The day of ignorance is rapidly passing away, the day of general knowledge is already dawning upon us, and the youth who is deprived of the advantages of education will be—must be behind the age. He will feel it in after life; he will be less useful than he could be with a well improved mind, while he will lose a vast amount of pleasure which can be drawn alone from the store house of knowledge. Nor is this all. The parent should be careful that the seeds of truth should be sown

in early life. The seeds of error may be planted in the youthful mind without any direct effort so to do, but simply from the influence of association, and the example of those to whom they look as models. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to every parent within the bounds of this Association, that they give their children a good education, and that in effecting this, they encourage such schools as are free from the influence of what we believe to be error—in other words that they patronize Baptist Schools. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM LAMBETH, *Chairman.*

E
Report on Missions.

Your Committee regard the cause of Missions as the cause of Christ. They look upon the great command of our Lord, when about to leave the earth, as our authority for using our best efforts to send the Gospel to every creature under heaven. We deem it highly conducive, and in some Associations absolutely necessary to the growth of our denomination, and the proper religious instruction of many neighborhoods, that a Missionary or Missionaries be employed to labor within their bounds; nor do we suppose that our duty to send the Gospel to the destitute of our State or country at all conflicts with that of sending it to the lands of heathenism. On the contrary, we believe Home and Foreign Missions to be mutual stimulants to each other. The same spirit that causes us to desire the conversion of our fellow countryman, prompts us to desire the salvation of our fellow man wherever he may be found; and as our efforts and zeal increases for the one, so they naturally will for the other. We are happy to say that many of our Associations in this State are sustaining and enjoying the services of one or more Missionaries within their bounds, and we hope that ere long this will be the case in every Association throughout the State. According to the last minutes of the N. Carolina Baptist State Convention, that body has in its employ eight Missionaries laboring successfully in different parts of the State. The Southern Board of Foreign Missions has in its employ about thirty Missionaries and Assistants, four from this State, divided about equally between China and Africa. These Missions are at present, by the mercy of God prosperous, and having been lately reinforced, promise a rich reward. Your Committee would earnestly exhort you to cherish the missionary spirit, and to testify your own value of the gospel by liberal and willing sacrifices to send it to others who have it not. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. G. YARBROUGH, *Chairman.*

Report on the Baptist State Convention.

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This body, formed of delegates from Baptist Churches in Eastern and Middle North Carolina, has existed in its present form about twenty-four years. Its object is to diffuse and excite a benevolent spirit among the Churches, and by union and combination of effort, to carry on more successfully the Missionary cause. Its funds, in general, are equally divided between Foreign and Home Missions and Education of the rising ministry.

Its funds appropriated to Foreign Missions, are applied to the use of the Foreign missionaries through the Foreign Board located in the city of Richmond, Va. Four Foreign Missionaries are from this State, brothers Lacy and Yates with their wives.

The Convention has usually in its employ about eight Home Missionaries, who have hitherto labored mostly in the Middle and Western portion of the State. The labors of the Missionaries have been greatly blessed, and many entire Churches have been built up by their instrumentality.

The young Ministers, assisted by the Convention in procuring an education, are generally six or seven in number, at present only four. This is one of the most important objects of the Convention, as the steady advance of our cause depends in a great manner on an intelligent and able ministry.

Your Committee feel happy in being able to recommend to you so favorable an opportunity of becoming acquainted and co-operating with the brethren throughout the State, and indeed throughout the whole South, as is presented to you in the State Convention. We would earnestly recommend every Church, therefore in this Association, to send one or more delegates to its meetings. Every Church or individual brother or sister that contributes ten dollars to its funds in one year is entitled to one delegate for that year. Thirty dollars constitutes a life member. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM TURNER, *Chairman.*

Tabular View of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	P. OFFICES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter,	Restored	Dis. by letter,	Excluded,	Deceased,	Whites,	Coloured,	Total No.	Funds, $	Funds, ct.	Ch. Meetings,
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	A. Kinney,	P. Redwine, Jo. Bean, John Redwine,	00	00		00	1	1	94	1	95	1	75	4S
Jersey,	do	Cotton Grove,	A. Weaver,	*A. Weaver, Geo. F. Smith, James Wiseman,	10	00		1	00	5	109	139	248	2	80	1
Abbott's Creek,	do	Abbott's Creek,	Jno. Robeson,	Wm. Raper, Jos. Spurgen, John Teague,	9	1		00	1	2	84	000	84	2	00	3
Tom's Creek,	do	Healing Springs,	B. Lanier,	John Lanier, Peter Riley, Simeon Sheets,	00	00		00	00	00	20	4	24		75	3
Jamestown,	Guilford,	Jamestown,	W. J. Witherington,	J. Welch, Joel Moody, *J. Greenwood,	00	1		2	2	00	23	000	23		75	4
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	B. Lanier,	H. Copple, B. May, N. Jarratt,	2	00		1	6	00	49	1	50	1	00	1
Holloway's	do	Silver Hill,	A. Kinney,	J. Huffman, *Wm. Newsom, A. Palmer,	00	00		00	00	3	53	29	82	1	65	2
New Friendship,	Forsythe,	Salem,	A. Kinney,	A. Delap. Jo. Thomas, D. Charles,	3	00		00	00	1	29	000	29	1	00	2S
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	B. Lanier,	Wm. R. Coggin, E. H. Davis, *Eli Davis,	4	00		00	00	1	45	3	48	1	00	2
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	B. Lanier,	R. Barnes, Sr., *R. Barnes, Jr.,	00	00		00	0	00	11	000	11	1	00	3
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	do	do	A. Williams,	*A. Yarbrough, A. R. Craver, B. Myers,	15	1		00	1	00	68	000	68	1	70	2
Marion,	do	do	B. Lanier,	R. Witherington, J. Green, R. S. Green,	2	00		1	00	00	17	3	20		55	4
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	R. H. Griffith,	R. H. Griffith, Wm. Lambeth, A. G. Allen,	12	4		1	00	00	46	11	57	1	50	2
					54	7		6	11	12	546	191	837	1745		

Ordained Preachers.---A Kinney, B. Lanier, A. Williams, Wm. Turner, R. H. Griffith *Licentiates.*—Gm. Tussey, D. Parks, A. Yarbrough.

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REED'S ⋈ ROADS MEETING HOUSE, DAVIDSON COUNTY, August 25, 1854.

THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION met according to adjournment, when the Introductory Sermon was preached by brother ALFRED KINNEY, from Luke the 15th chapter and 17th verse.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again, the Association was called to order by brother A. Kinney, the former Moderator being absent. Religious exercises were conducted by brother A. Kinney.

2. The Churches were then called to order by brother A. Kinney, (acting Moderator *pro tem.*,) when their letters were presented and their contents noted. (See last page.)

3. The Delegates present proceeded to the choice of a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the election of brother Joseph Spurgen.

4. Called on Correspondents from sister Associations, and invited them to seats, when S. R. Varker, from Sandy Creek; C. W. Bessent, from the Yadkin; B. H. Carter, M.

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Jones, F. M. Jordan, from Pee Dee ; B. F. Eaton, from the Yadkin, E. Crutchfield, Sandy Creek, and W. C. Patterson, the Agent for the Publication Society, came forward and were cordially received.

On motion, ministering brethren invited to take seats, when brother Hugh McAlpin, from the Union Association came forward, and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, appointed brethren A. Kinney, Wm. Owen, A. Delap, R. Wethrington, with the Clerk and Moderator, a Committee of Arrangements, and J. A. Carnigh, J. R. Nichols, a Committee of Finance.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to arrange preaching during the meeting, consisting of the Delegates and Pastor of the Church, with brother Wm. Owen and Joseph Kirk, R. Witherington.

4. On motion, adjourned until Saturday nine o'clock, A. M. Prayer by brother H. McAlpin.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother E. Crutchfield.

1. On motion, the Committee of Arrangements reported. The report was received and Committee continued.

2. Called on Correspondents to sister Associations to report. Those who attended were well received.

3. On motion, the following Correspondents were appointed to sister Associations.

To the Yadkin—John a Cornish, A. Williams, A. Delap, to be held at Swaim's Creek, to commence on Friday before the first Sabbath in October.

To the Brier Creek—On motion, as the distance is so great, we agree to keep up a correspondence by Minutes forwarded by the Clerk.

To Sandy Creek—First Sabbath in October, at Mount Pleasant Meeting House, brethren B. Lanier, J. Spurgen, William R. Coggin.

To the Pee Dee—To commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, brethren James Wiseman, Enoch Davis, Joseph Hamilton and William Crowder.

To the Beulah—Brethren Jas. Greenwood, John Teague, William Lambeth.

4. On motion, the following Committees were appointed.

On Sabbath Schools—B. Lanier, Wm. R. Coggin, F. M. Jordan.

On Missions—A. Williams, Wm. Turner, H. McAlpin.

On Education—Wm. C. Patterson, A. Kinney, William Lambeth.

On Church Letters and State of Religion—Brethren W. Owen, E. Crutchfield and B. Lanier.

On State Convention—Wm. C. Patterson, Wm. Turner, B. H. Carter.

On Bible and Publication Society—Wm. C. Patterson, Jesse Jones, Gm. Tussey.

5. Called off for one hour.

Resumed business again, when brother Denson A. Poindexter came forward as a Correspondent from the Yadkin, and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

6. Committee of Finance reported that they had received from the Churches, $16 54

Found in the hands of the Treasurer, 95

Report received and Committee discharged.

7. Bro. Richard Jacks reported that he had rode one and

a half months and preached thirty-seven sermons; for which he charges the Association thirty-dollars, and which was paid in the following manner, viz:

For Marion, by R. Withrington, - - -	$3 50
" Abbott's Creek, by J. Spurgen, J. Jones,	3 50
" Lick Creek—M. Redwine, - - -	3 50
" Friendship—J. A. Nichols, - - -	3 50
" Tom's Creek—B. Lanier, P. Riley, - -	2 75
" Liberty—H. Copple, - - - - -	2 50
" Reed's—Gm. Tussey, - - - -	5 00
" Salisbury—A. G. Allen and Wm. Lambeth,	2 45
	$26 70
The balance paid of Missionary fund,	3 30
	$30 00

8. On motion, agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body with Lick Creek Church, south of Lexington 20 miles, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1855.

9. On motion, appointed bro. Wm. Turner to preach the Introductory Sermon, and bro. B. Lanier, his Alternate.

10. On motion, appointed bro. Wm. Turner to preach a Sermon on Charity, and bro. A. Kinney, his Alternate.

11. On motion, the Association gave place to the Bible and Publication Society on Monday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

12. On motion, adjourned until Monday 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by William Turner.

SABBATH.

The brethren appointed to occupy the stand, preached. B. Lanier, 1st John 4—19 verses. "We love him because

he first loved us." Wm. C. Patterson, Isa. 60th chapter, 1 verse. Hugh McAlpin, from Luke 19th chapter verse 13. E. Crutchfield, from these words, "It pleased the Father that in him all fullness should dwell."

All was satisfactory—the congregation was large and serious—the word preached seemed blessed to the edification of saints, and to the awakening the impenitent.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder A. Weaver.

On motion, bro. McAlpin was chosen assistant clerk.

1. On motion, the Committee appointed last year to visit the Friendship Church, be called upon to report.

2. On motion the case was recommitted to the same Committee.

3. On motion of bro. Turner, the Committee of Arrangements reported and Committee discharged.

4. On motion, the Committee on Missions reported. Report received and committee dismissed;

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report that they consider the Missionary operations one of the most important objects of this body, from the fact that there is not that knowledge of Christ and his Gospel as is necessary. But the question arises how are we to carry out this great object? Certainly not by saying be ye clothed and fed, and lend no helping hand, but by acting as though you were in earnest. Let us remember that all we have of this world's goods are only loaned to us, and we are to use them not exclusively for ourselves, but for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Remember brethren, the Lord loves the cheerful giver. Brethren, we must be up and doing; the Lord has a work for us to do; we cannot stand in the desk and preach, but by our substance we can preach through those we may send forth. May God help us to be what we profess to be, (to wit,)

Baptists. A volume might be written on this subject, but we speak as unto wise men, and it is said that a word to the wise is sufficient. May the Lord enlarge our hearts, and make us willing to do much more for the cause of our Lord than ever. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported and were discharged:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools are of the opinion that there is but little interest taken in this glorious enterprize within the bounds of this Association, from the fact that there is but one School under our patronage within our limits. Dear brethren, this state of things should not continue amongst us in this enlightened age, for we believe that it is one of the great means, and well calculated to improve the minds of the youths of our land—to help them to God. We would, therefore, recommend the Churches composing this body, to more strictly adhere and attend to this good Institution, in order that the desired object may be accomplished. All of which is respectfully submitted. B. LANIER, Chairman.

The report of the Committe on the Bible and Publication Society was next received, and is as follows:

Dear Brethren—Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration the North Carolina Baptist Bible and Publication Society, beg leave to report the following: We believe it to be an enterprise worthy of the consideration and support of every Baptist in our Association. We think it is an enterprise well calculated, if properly managed, to send the Bible with its blessings to the houses of many who are destitute of religion and its comforts, to furnish them with religious reading and our own denominational works, which they otherwise would be without. All of which is respectfully submitted. W. C. PATTERSON, Chairman.

The following is the report of the Committee on Education. Several appropriate remarks were made by brethren Jordan, Crutchfield, Weaver, Patterson and Eaton, on the subject. Report received:

Your Commlttee on Education beg leave to report the following: They would recommend to your body a more thorough system of Education in our denomination, and that Schools of high standing and moral worth be established and patronised, preparatory to Wake Forest College. Your Committee urge the importance of patronising our own Schools and concentrating our efforts in this matter. Let us all remember that we, who are now on the stage of action must soon pass away, and from the rising generation must come our Preachers, Statesmen, Doctors and Lawyers. And how important

it is that matters of such weighty import fall into the hands of educated men, that rising generations may enjoy the same liberties and blessings that we of the nineteenth century enjoy. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. PATTERSON, Chairman.

The Committee on State Convention being called on made the following report :

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, is a general Association of the Baptists of Middle and Eastern North Carolina, formed by delegates from Churches and Associations, for the purpose of concentrating their efforts in carrying out the great command of our Lord, to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. The Convention was formed about twenty-five years ago, and has been instrumental in awakening in some degree our Churches to christian enterprise and benevolence. The objects of the Convention are three. First, the sending of the Gospel into the destitute portions of our own State. Secondly, to assist in sending the Gospel to heathen of other nations. And thirdly, to educate the rising Ministry. The Convention has now no Foreign Board of Missions, the monies appropriated to this object being transmitted directly to the General Board of Foreign Missions, at Richmond, Va. The Domestic Board of the Convention attends to the Home or State Missionaries, and also to the Educational Interest. This Board is located in Milton, N. C., N. J. Palmer, Corresponding Secretary.— The Board has in its employ seven Missionaries, and under its patronage from four to five beneficiaries. The labors of the Missionaries have been greatly blessed. Your committee feel happy in being able to recommend to you an organization so well adapted to the wants of our denomination in this State, and earnestly recommend the co-operation of this Association. Ten dollars is the amount necessary to constitute a delegate for one year. Thirty dollars entitles a brother or sister, when paid at one time, to a life membership. All of which is repectfully submitted. W. C. PATTERSON, Ch'n.

5. On motion, the Committee appointed on the Friendship Church reported. On motion, report received and Committee discharged:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the case of the New Friendship Church, report that there is a Church consisting of twenty-three members all in peace. Respectfully submitted.

AQUILLA JONES,
JOSEPH SPURGEN,
JONA. WELCH.

6. On motion, agreed to appoint two Missionaries to ride three months in the bounds of this Association, and receive twenty dollars per month each, to be chosen out of the body.

On motion, a Committee of three be appointed to procure

the services of the above missionaries, to wit: James Wiseman, R. Witherington and Jesse Jones.

7. On motion, appointed the ordained Ministers of this Association a standing Presbytery for this year, and three of them to form a quorum.

8. On motion of bro. R. Witherington, agreed that this Association pay the travelling expenses of all delegates appointed from this, and attending sister Associations.

9. Called off till two o'clock.

10. Resumed business. On motion, the Committee on Church Letters and state of Religion reported. Report received and Committee discharged:

The Committee to whom was referred Church Letters and state of Religion within the bounds of this Association, report as follows:

Dear brethren—There has been but few additions to our Churches during the Associational year; consequently we think Religion is in a low state amongst us in general. We would, therefore, recommend as the best means in our judgment for a better state of things amongst us, the holding Camp and other protracted meetings during the ensuing year. All of which is respectfully submitted WM. OWEN, Ch'n.

11. On motion of bro. James Wiseman, the memorial of the five members of New Friendship Church be laid on the table indefinitely.

12. On motion, bro. A. Williams be exempted from the two dollars lost, and report the balance of the collection taken up on the Sabbath, amounting to $22 37 cents, for Domestic Missions.

13. On motion of bro. Gm. Tussey, that we request bro. Wm. C. Patterson to write out the sermon preached by him on Sabbath, for publication in the Biblical Recorder.

14. On motion, agreed that further time be given to the Committe to secure Missionaries to travel in the bounds of this Association.

15. Resolved, That this Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends for their liberality in supporting this meeting during its sessions.

16. We further authorise the Clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and distribute them as usual.

17. On motion, we adjourn to the time and place of the next session of the body. Singing and prayer by Elder Wm. Turner.

JOSEPH SPURGEN, *Moderator*.

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized,	Rec. by Letter,	Restored,	Dis. by Letter,	Excluded,	Deceased,	Whites,	Colored,	Total Number,	Funds, $	Funds, cts	Church Meetings,
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	A. Kinney,	M. Redwine, Joseph Kirk, Samspon Newsom,	1	00	00	3	4	1	85	1	86	1	85	48
Jersey,	Do.	Cotton Grove,	A. Weaver,	A. Weaver, James Wiseman, Wm. Owen,	00	00	00	1	1	00	107	139	246	3	00	1
Abbott's Creek,	Do.	Abbott's Creek,	B. Lanier,	Jesse Jones, A. Jones, Joseph Spurgen,	4	1	00	2	00	2	85	00	85	2	00	3
Tom's Creek,	Do.	Healing Springs,	B. Lanier,	Wm. Yarbrough, P. Riley, Simeon Sheets,	6	00	00	1	00	1	28	4	32	1	00	1
Jamestown,	Guilford,	Jamestown,	O. Churchill,	James Greenwod, O. Churchill, J. Welch,	00	2	2	2	00	00	000	00	24	1	13	48
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	B. Lanier,	S. S. Lambeth, J. Copple, H. Copple,	6	1	00	1	2	00	53	1	54		75	2
Holloway's	Do.	Silver Hill,	A. Kinney,	J. Huffman. Wm. Newsom, F. Beanblossom,	00	00	00	00	00	1	52	29	81	1	11	2
New Friendship,	Forsythe,	Salem,	Wm. Turner,	A. Delap, J. Styers, J. R. Nichols,	00	1	00	1	00	00	28	00	28	1	00	2
Big Creek,	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	B. Lanier,	Wm. R. Coggin, Eli Davis, Wm. Hamilton,	4	00	1	00	1	00	47	5	52	1	00	4
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	No supply,		00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	12	0	00	4
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	Do.	"	A. Williams,	A. Yarbrough, Gm. Tussey, J. A. Cornish,	1	00	00	00	00	00	62	1	63	2	10	2
Marion,	Do.	"	No supply,	R. Witherington. J. Green, R. S. Green,	1	1	00	00	00	1	14	3	17		60	4
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	"	Wm. Lambeth, A. G. Allen,	00	00	00	6	1	2	36	13	49	1	00	1

A List of Ordained Preachers in this Association.—A. Kinney, of Lick Creek; B. Lanier, of Tom's Creek; Wm. Turner, of the Jersey; A. Williams, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. Lambeth, of Salisbury.

Licentiates.—Gm. Tussey, A. Yarbrough, of Reed's Cross Roads; John Teague, of Abbott's Creek, Dempsey Parks, Lick Creek.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD AT

Abbotts Creek M. H., near Brown Town, Davidson County, N. C.

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Proceedings of Liberty Association.

Abbotts Creek, M. H., Davidson Co.
Friday, August 22, 1856.

The members of Liberty Association, met according to adjournment. The introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. A. Williams, from Ro. 10—1.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association was called to order by our former Moderator. Letters handed in—contents noted. See last p.

2. The Delegates present, proceeded to the choice of Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of Bro. B. Lanier.

3. On petition, the Church at Greensborough was received by the Moderator, giving right hand of fellowship as a member of this body. (See last page.)

4. Called on correspondents from Sister Associations to take seats with us; when Bro. J. McDaniel, from the Sandy Creek came forward, and Bro. Herriford, the Buelah, and was cordially received by the Moderator, giving right hand of fellowship. Also, Bro. D. Wright, from Pedee, and was received cordially.

5. On motion, appointed Bro. A. Weaver, Wm. Turner Wm. Lambeth, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

6. Bro. J. C. Averitt and Bro. O. Churchill, a Committee of Finance.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Bro. A. Weaver.

Saturday, August 29.

Met according to previous adjournment. Religious services by Bro. Wm. Turner.

On motion, Committee of Arrangements reported. The report recived and Committee continued.

1. Appoint the following Committees on Church letters and state of religion. Bro. Wm. Turner, Bro. Isaac Kinney and S. Newsom. On Sabbath Schools, Bro. A. Weaver, Wm. R. Coggin and B. May. On Missions, Bro. J. C. Averitt, Wm. S. Herriford and J. A Parks. On Bible and Publication Society, Bro. James McDaniel, Aquilla Jones and Wm. Lambeth. On the Baptist State Convention, Bro. A. Williams, A. Weaver and B. G. Charles. On motion of Bro. A. Weaver, the document from Nashville was received, read and referred to the Committee on Bible and Publication.

2. Invitation given to transient Ministers, with licentiates to take seates with us. Bro. J. A. Cornish, came forward, and was recived.

3. On motion, the Committe on Finance, reported. Report received, Committee discharged.

4. Call on Correspondents to Sister Associations to report. All the Brethren that failed to attend, were excused, but requested to attend punctually for the future.

5. Appointed Correspondents to the following Associations, to the Yadkin, to be held with Cross Road Church, Davie County, Bro. Wm. Lambeth, Wm. Turner and A. Williams, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October. To Sandy Creek, Bro. A. Weaver, B. Lanier and O. Churchill to be held at Mays Chapel, eight miles South of Pittsborough, to commence Friday before the first Sabbath in October.

To the Pedee, to commence on Friday before the Second Sabbath in October, Bro. B. Lanier, John Redwine and A. Palmer. To be held at Spring Hill, to Buelah brethren, A. Weaver, Wm. Turner and John Teague, to commence on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in Aug. 1857.

6. On motion, the report of the Committee on Missions and Colportage, was received (see letter A.) and discharged.

7. Called on Missionaries to report, when Bro. A. Weaver, reported. (See appendix B.)

Bro. Wm. Turner, Missionary to Waughtown, reported. (See Letter C.)

On motion, took a recess of one hour. Benediction by the Moderator.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

8. On motion, agreed to have a missionary for the ensueing year, and proceeded to the choice of one, which terminated in choosing Bro. A. Weaver.

9. On motion, agreed to appoint a board on Missions, consisting of a member from each Church, and five of them to form a quorum, when the following Brethren were appointed. To wit—Wm. R. Coggin, Wm. Owen, Aquilla Jones, John Skeen, Jonathan Welch, Henry Copple, A. Palmer, A. Delap, Enoch Davis, J. A. Parks, Wm. Lambeth, Benjamin Churchill and R. S. Green, to hold their meetings, the fifth Sunday in every month that has five Sundays, with the Saturday before, at Lexington, to transact business.

10. On motion, agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body, with Reeds Cross Roads Church, five miles west of Lexington, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath, in August 1857.

11. On motion, appointed Bro. Wm. Turner, to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. Wm. Lambeth, his alternate.

On motion, this Association request Bro. Turner, to preach a doctrinal discourse, choosing his subject.

12. On motion, the Association proceeded to the choice of Preachers to occupy the stand on the Sabbath, which resulted in the choice of Bro. James McDaniel, A. Weaver and Wm. Turner, and Bro. James McDaniel to preach a Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock. A. M.—take up a collection for domestic mission in our midst.

13. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wm. Lambeth.

SABBATH.

The Ministers appointed to preach on this day, met a large, respectable and orderly congregation, at 9 o'clock, Bro. Wm. Turner, preached from Joel the 2 chapter 13 verse. Bro. James McDaniel, of Fayetteville, followed from Zachriah 13 chapter 1st verse. A collection was then taken up amounting to $11,63 for the use of domestic missions, after a recess of one hour, or at 3 o'clock P. M. Bro. A. Weaver, preached from 2nd Kings, 5th chapter 12th verse, all of which was very interesting and satisfactory.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25th.

The Association met according to previous adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Amos Weaver, the Association proceeded to business in the following manner:

1. On motion, Bro. A. Weaver, reported on Sabbath Schools. (See letter D.) Report received and Committee discharged.

Committee on Church letters and state of Religion, reported. Report adopted and Committee discharged. (E)

On missions, reported. Report received and Committee discharged. (F)

On Bible and Publication Society, reported. (See G) Report adopted, Committee discharged, and also adopted the resolution.

On motion, agreed to give Bro. Williams time to write a report at home, on the Baptist State Convention, and confer with Bro. A. Weaver, one of the Committee, and attach the report to the Ministers.

2. On motion, the Association proceeded to the organization of a Bible and Publication Society, when they proproceed to elect their officers. See further proceedings.

3. On motion, appointed Bro. Wm. Turner, Missionary in the northern portion of this Association, relying on his field for support.

Also, on motion, appointed Bro. Wm. Lambeth, Missionary in Rowan County, relying on his field for support, and Bro. A. Williams, to the Piney Meeting House.

4. On motion, proceeded to elect Bro. Wm. Turner, to preach the Missionary sermon, on Sabbath, at our next annual meeting, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, the Clerk is directed to write to the board of the Convention, requesting them to appoint A. Weaver, riding Missionary in the bounds of this Association.

And we appoint Bro. John C. Averitt, delegate to the Baptist State Convention.

5. On motion, the delegates proceeded to pledge for the Churches or individuals, the sum announced to their names, to raise a fund to pay our Missionary for the ensueing year, which is a part of his salary.

Bro. William Coggin, for Lick Creek,	$10 00
Isaac Kinney, E. Merrill, for Jersey,	10.00
Aquilla Jones, Abbotts Creek,	10.00
For himself,	5.00
S. Newsom, do., Toms Creek,	7.50
Jonathan Welsh, do.. James Town,	6.00
Benjamin May, do., Liberty,	6.00
Abram Palmer, do., Holloway's,	5.00
S. M. Charles, do., New Friendship,	5.00
Eli Coggin, do., Big Creek	5.00
I. A. Parks, for self or Church at Reed's Cross Roads	5.00
Benjamin Churchill, for Greensborough,	5.02
	$83.50

6. *Resolved*, That the Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends for their liberality in supporting this Meeting during its Session.

7. We further authorize the Clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

8. On motion, we adjourn to the time and place of the next Session of this Body, when a few touching and appropriate remarks were made by elder John C. Averitt, and concluded with singing and prayer.

BENJAMIN LANIER, Moderator.

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION OF AN ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY.

In order that we may more systematically and effectually co-operate with the Baptist Bible Society of this State and the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the great work of circulating the Holy Scriptures in our own and other lands, we hereby form ourselves into a Bible Society to act in connexion with this Association, and adopt the following Constitution.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society ohall be called the Bible Society of the Liberty Association.

OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be composed of the following classes of persons:

1st. Of all the messengers sent up with funds from congregational or other local bible societies, which shall be entitled to one delegate for every five dollars sent up.

2nd. Of representatives of Churches, Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, or any other bodies which shall send up funds, one delegate for every five dollars sent up.

3d. Of all persons who shall have paid five dollars or more, at any one time to this Society, or to any of its auxiliaries. Such persons shall be counted members for life.

4th. Of all persons who are present at any meeting of the Society and contribute the sum of fifty cents shall be considered members for the year.

ARTICLE III. The object of this Society shall be to aid in circulation of the Holy Scriptures in our own and other lands; and the funds collected by us shall be sent up to the State Baptist Bible Society of our own State, or to the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville.

OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE IV. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Trea-

surer, who shall perform the duties common to officers in similar organizations; and shall be elected by a plurality of votes at each annual meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, shall hold their places until another meeting.

OF MEETINGS.

Article V. The regular annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same time and place with the meetngs of our Association, at which the following order of business shall be observed:

1st. The reports of the Treasurer and of the Board of Directors shall be read.

2d. A sermon, or other addresses suitable to the occasion, shall be delivered.

3d. An opportunity given to those present to become members, by subscribing or contributing to our funds, and a general collection taken up.

4th. Officers elected and speakers appointed for the next meeting. An adjourned meeting may be held at any time, or one may be called at any time, by the President or either of the Vice Presidents.

OF LIFE DIRECTORS.

Article VI. Any person who shall contribute to our funds the sum of twenty dollars, at any one time, or in two annual installments, shall be considered life directors, and with the officers of the Society, shall constitute a Board to attend to any business in the interests of the regular meetings.

Article VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

The Bible Society, after their organization proceeded to elect officers for the present year, which resulted as follows: A. Williams, President; Isaac Kinney, first Vice President; J. A. Parks, second Vice President; Wm. Turner, third Vice President; John C. Averitt, Secretary and Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBERS.

A. Williams, J. A. Parks, Alexander Delap, Isaac Kinney, Benjamin Lanier.

ANNUAL MEMBERS BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTY CENTS.

J. C. Averitt, Aquilla Jones, John Teague, William Turner, John Redwine, John Charles, Aquilla Teague, A. O. P. Teague, Benjamin Churchill, Jonathan Welch.

Amount subscribed,	$30.00
Cash received,	15.50
	$14.50

Elder John C. Averitt, was apointed to deliver an address before the B. B. Society at our next annual Association.

A. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT.

JOHN C. AVERITT, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Received from the Churches	$17.72½
Funds in the hand of the Treasurer	1.50
Total on hand at the present	$19.22½

(A.)

The Committee appointed at last Association on Home Missions and Colportage, beg leave to report—

That they found some difficulty in geting a Minister to travel in the bounds of the Association, generally with no certain compensation. However, we engaged Elder Amos Weaver some time the past Spring to devote a portion of his time as Missionary and Colporteur within the bounds of our Association, to rely entirely on his field for his support. All of which is respectfully submitted, by

ABRAM PALMER, CHAIRMAN.

(B.)

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

I have, since my selection by your Committee as Missionary and Colportuer for this Association, not been able to obtain books, and as such have done nothing in the way of Colportage.

I have spent, in preaching and travelling, some twelve to fifteen days; which, together with time set apart for the same purpose, but which was not required, owing to meeting not being continued as long as anticipated. Worked some two thirds of a month.

I have received from the Churches the following amounts, to wit:

From Hollowell's,	$3.50
" Lick Creek,	6.75
" Big Creek,	6.90
" Liberty,	3.75

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

AMOS WEAVER, Missionary.

(c.)

The following Report submitted by William Turner,—Missionary at Waughtown—

I have preached thirteen sermons, baptised five of that congregation, and received Ten dollars and sixty three cents compensation.

(d.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following Report—

In looking over the field of our operation, and surveying the numerous instrumentalities now within the Church of Christ, your Committee are of the deliberate opinion that few—if any—of the legitimate labours to which the Church is invited, are so full of hope, or promise so rich and so gracious a return as Sabbath Schools. Yet, your Committee, with regret, have to state that this inviting field lies with us almost wholy uncultivated. It was a circumstance regarded by St. Paul as exceedingly auspicious in the life of an imminent son of his in the Gospel, "That from a child, he had known the Holy Scriptures," and there is no means known to your Committee equal to a well conducted Sabbath School, to familiarize the young mind with the word of God.

Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart therefrom."—It will be said, perhaps, that parental training is here alluded to. Be it so. Still, it is a most appalling truth,—that pious parental training is far from being general.—Perhaps, in few cases is this so perfectly attained to in the family, as to render the Sabbath School unnecessary;—while, in very many instances, the children and youth of our country must and will continue to grow up in the most deplorable ignorance and vice; and, consequently, become the pest of both, Church and State, who might, under proper moral culture, seasonably and judiciously applied, become ornaments to both. This defect in parental training can only be met by the Church, through the agency of the Sabbath School. And none can doubt that it is the legitimate and sacred duty of the Church to look after this thing. And even under the most favourable circumstances, it has been found that Sabbath Schools are of invaluable advantage in strengthening and in forming parental religious cultivation.

Again, it is believed that among the happy results that usually attend the labours of a well conducted Sabbath School, the reflex influence on those teachers and superintendants engaged in conducting them, is by no means the least of their results. In the whole range of divine obligation, God has graciously blended our duty with our instincts; and this principle is not less positive and operative in the matter under consideration. Those who engaged for any considerable length of time, heartily, in the delightful task of impressing the minds of our children and youth, with the duties of religion and obligations of piety, cannot fail to have the sphere of their own knowledge of God—His law and government enlarged—their hearts enobled, and their Spiritual graces improved.—Thus, Sabbath Schools are in a two fold sense the nurseries of the Church—aiding and enforcing on the one hand parental efforts; and on the other, rendering powerful and

effective, the living ministry, when it must, without them, be faintiless and inoperative. Your Committee, in view of the above facts and considerations, beg leave to offer the following Resolution and recommend its adoption :

Resolved, That this Association recommend each Church within our bounds to form Sabbath Schools at their respective Meeting Houses, or at such other place or places, as they shall find most convenient, that they take such steps in regard to the same as to have their Schools regular organizations, and that they send up their Delegates to the next Association, with full return of their proceedings on this matter with authority to organize. during that meeting of our Body, an Associational Sabbath School Society, to which each, in our bounds, may act as auxiliary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AMOS WEAVER, Chairman.

(E.)

The Committee on Church Letters and state of Religion Report—

That from the statistics of the Churches in this Association, we find that during the past year, there has been little or no increase. Religion, then, must be in rather a low state. We are taught that when Zion travails, she brings forth : and it is manifest, from the experience of every one, that when the Church is in a luke-warm condition, that there is but little interest felt by the world in matters of religion. If the light of the Christian grows dim in the same proportion, darkness will pervade the earth, and sinners will press onward in the road to ruin ; for he that walketh in darkness, knoweth not whither he goeth. There is great responsibility resting upon us. We would say—first to the Ministry : "Cry aloud, spare not ; lift thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." And secondly, to the laity, we say : Hold up your Ministers' hands ; let them feel, like a mighty engine, the power of

your co-operation; and then you will see Zion prospering —for God works through his people; and the religion of Jesus Christ prompts us to act in this great Scheme of benevolence; and we know that our labour is not in vain with the Lord. The stone cut out without hands became a great Nation and filled the whole earth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM TURNER, CHAIRMAN.

(F.)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The importance of Missions must be evident to those who are acquainted with the moral condition of the world. The majority of the inhabitants of the globe are still enveloped in Pagan darknes. The glad tidings of salvation through the mediation of Christ has never saluted their ears. It is not necessary, however, to look beyond our own bounds to see the importance of Missions. Even within the limits of Liberty Association, there are many sections almost entirely destitute of preaching of any kind and many other sections destitute of Baptist preaching.— It is to be feared that the Baptists, generally, have not viewed their obligations to disseminate divine truth in the proper light. If a field is occupied by some Protestant denomination, it is not regarded as Missionary ground.— This is a great mistake. Jesus Christ never planted but one Church in the world, and that was composed of immersed believers. To that Church he gave the commission: "Go ye, therefore, into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Upon this Church the obligation still rests to carry out this commission to its full extent. It is therefore not only our duty to send a Missionary to those places where there is no preaching, but it is also our duty to send a Missionary to those places where the ordinances are not kept as they were delivered by inspired Apostles, a man who is able and willing to defend the distinctive views of the Baptists, and to refute and expose peda-Baptist errors. If this course had been

pursued faithfully, in time past, our views would have been generally known, and would have prevailed to a far greater extent. We have insisted chiefly on Missions within our bounds,, not with a view to under value the vast importance of Foreign Missions, but because we think that very little will be done for them unless the Home Missions are faithfully and successfully prosecuted. The most successful way to awaken an interest for Foreign Missions,—is to arouse the attention of our Churches to the importance of supplying their own destitution.—Having appointed a Missionary within our own limits, let us determine to sustain him by our prayers and our contributions. Brethren, let us endeavor to labour more and pray more for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom; let us adopt the prayer of the dying Psalmist:—"Let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen." Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. AVERITT, Chairman.

(G.)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Your Committee, to whom was refered the subject of the Convention, submit the following:

The Convention was organized upwards of twenty-one years ago, by brethren, whose hearts yearned over dying men more than over this worlds goods. Whose chief object was then, and still is, of sending the Gospel to the destitute portions of our State, and to aid poor young preachers to obtain an education, to qualify them for the work of the Ministry—and send the Missionary to the land of Heathenism, with the blessed Gospel of the Son of God.

1. When we take a retrospective view of the moral darkness that still pervades our land, and the great destitution that pervades our Villages, Towns and Neighborhoods, for the bread of life, can we withhold any longer from aiding the Convention, in sending the Missionary

among those famishing Millions, whose cries are rising up before the Lord of Sabbaoth.

2. And when we leave our own beloved Country, and take a view of those idoldetrous nations, the heart sickens at the awful scenes that transpire. The Mother offering her tender offsprings to Idols, the wife bound to the Funeral pile of her husband, the infirm buried alive, the worshiping of gnats &c., &c., How can any withhold? Who has tested that the Lord is good, from aiding the Convention, in sending the Missionary, among them. Brethren, it requires more than a few empty wishes to accomplish the great work. How much owest thou the Lord? pay thy dues, as it will profit little to say be ye warmed, filled clothed, while ye withhold, the needful things.

3. The Convention has a great and glorious work to accomplish, and no agent in the field this year, but entirely depending on the Liberality of the brethren and friends for help. The Convention has not near enough Missionaries employed to supply the domestic mission, besides they need funds to sustain the beneficiaries already at Wake Forest. To sustain these, it requirers all the means at their command. While many men ought and desire to be there, they nor the Convention, have not the means, and hence the number is small, much has been done, but more remains to be done.

4. The education of the rising Ministry, is a subject of vital importance to the Church. Every other profession is crowded with educated men, and the ministry ought to keep pace with them, in order to instruct, and meet the evils of the infidel and deist. Now brethren permit us to solicit your prayers and alms, in behalf of the Convention, as North Carolina contains at this time, fifty thousand three hundred and twenty three Baptist, according to the last accounts. When we see how little is contributed according to membership, how can we say that we desire the salvation of our fellow being? and make so little or no sacrifice to accomplish it. Let every Baptist do like the

poor widow, in part, throw in their mite into the treasure of the Lord, don't wait for an agent to dun you, but send it up immediately to the Convention, and let those that refuse, ask themselves, have I done what I could, if so, well done thou good and faithful servant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASARIAH WILLIAMS, Chairman.

(H.)

The Committee to whom was submitted the Bible cause, present the following report—

The conversion of the world, is obviously the great object for united christian effort. Among the means by which this object is to be attained, the circulation of the Bible, in the various languages of the people, is the most important. By God's Truth, men are to be reformed and converted. The entrance of this word giveth light.—"Sanctify them through thy Truth, thy word is Truth."

The circulation of the Bible is a work committed by God, to the Church. "Ye are the light of the world," so says the Saviour. They are not only to be lights in their character, exhibiting in their temper, spirit, disposition, and manner of living, the excellence of religion; but they are, by christian effort, to circulate the Bible, this light which shines in a dark place, able to make men wise unto salvation. They are to hold forth the word of life to the nations of the earth, in this way.

The wants that exist for the Bible, in our own country, and in foreign lands, have been made known to this Association by the circular of the Southern Bible Board, which was read on Saturday. God, in his providence, has opened most of the countries to the circulation of the Bible, and a voice seems to call the church to go up and possess the land thus spread out before them.

Your Committee believe this Association to be capable of performing an important part, in this department of christian duty. And they hope that some systematic plan of operation, in aid of this cause, will be adopted at this

session, convinced as they are, that the time for action has fully come. They beg leave to present, therefore, the following resolution for the consideration of the Association.

Resolved, That this Association organize an Associational Bible Society, to aid in the circulation of the Scriptures.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McDANIEL, Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED PREACHERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION.

Alfred Kinney, of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier, of Tom's Creek; Amos Weaver, of Jersey; A. Williams, of Reed's Cross Roads; William Turner, of New Friendship; William Lambeth, and John C. Averitt, of Salisbury; Orin Churchill, of James Town.

Licentiates.—Green Tussey, Aaron Yarborough and John A. Cornish, of Reed's Cross Roads; William R. Coggin and John Redwine, of Lick Creek.

Tabular View of the Churches.

Churches.	County.	Post Office.	By Whom supplied.	Delegates' Names.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White.	Colored.	Total.	Funds. $	Funds. cts.	Ch. Members.
LICK CREEK,	Davidson	Jackson Hill,	A. KINNEY	J. Adderton, Wm. R. Coggin. John Redwine,	..	..	..	..	1	2	81	..	81	1	90	48
JERSEY,	Davidson	Cotton Grove,	A. WEAVER	A. Weaver. J. Kinny, Ebenezer Merrill,	18	2	1	3	..	9	108	145	252	3	00	1
ABBOTTS CREEK,	Davidson	Abbotts Creek,	WM. TURNER,	A. Jones. William Clinard. John Teague,	4	..	..	3	..	1	91	2	93	2	00	3
TOMS CREEK,	Davidson	Healing Springs	B. LANIER,	John Skeen, S. Sheets, Sampson Newsom,	..	..	..	2	..	..	26	4	30	1	00	3
JAMES TOWN,	Guilford	James Town,	B. LANIER,	J. Welch, G. W. Johnson, B. Harris,	5	..	..	3	..	..	24	..	24	1	00	4
LIBERTY,	Davidson	Fair Grove,	A. WEAVER,	B. May, S. S. Lambeth, K. Miller,	..	..	..	..	..	1	48	1	49	75		38
HOLLOWAY'S,	Davidson	Silver Hill	A. KINNEY'	A. Palmer, C. Smith, F. Beanblossom,	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	28	73	1	00	2
NEW FRIENDSHIP,	Forsyth,	Waugh Town,	WM. TURNER,	S. M Charles, J. Styres, R. Y. Charles,	7	2	..	..	1	..	44	..	44	1	50	2
BIG CREEK,	Montgomery.	Wind Hill,	B. LANIER,	D. Coggin, S. R. Coggin, Ira Hambleton	4	..	2	2	2	2	46	4	50	1	00	2
PINE M. HOUSE	Davidson	Lexington,	B. LANIER,	* Report given by Brother A. Williams,	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	2	10	87½	48
REED'S ✕ ROADS,	Davidson	Lexington,	WM. LAMBETH,	A. Yarborough, J. H. Owen, I. A. Park,	..	1	..	..	..	2	69	3	72	1	50	28
MARION,	Davidson	Lexington,	WM. LAMBETH,		2	..	..	5	..	1	15	3	18	..	..	38
SALISBURY,	Rowan	Salisbury,	J. C. AVERITT,	William Lambeth, J. C. Averitt	..	3	..	1	..	..	44	..	55	1	20	1
GREENSBOROUGH,	Guilford	Greensborough,	O. CHURCHILL,	Jonas Lineberry, John Ingold, Benj. Churchill,	3	1	..	..	..	..	32	..	32	1	00	..
					44	9	3	19	4	21	681	299	980	17	72½	

MINUTES

OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held at Reed's Cross Roads Meeting-House, Davidson County, North Carolina., August 21st, 22d, and 24th, 1857.

REED'S CROSS ROADS M. H., DAVIDSON CO., }
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1857. }

The members of Liberty Association met according to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon, in the absence of br. Wm. Turner, was delivered by br. WM. LAMBETH, from Rom. 2nd chapt., 6th verse.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association, in the absence of our former Moderator was called to order by br. A. Weaver, acting as Moderator pro tem. Letters handed in and contents noted. See last page.

2. The Delegates present proceeded to elect a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of br. AMOS WEAVER.

On motion, the Letter from Greensborough was received, and br. Ingole and Churchwell received as Delegates.

3. On motion, Rev. E. Dodson, from Bulah, Agent for Southern Board of Foreign Missions of N. C.; and Rev R. H. Griffith, C. W. Bessent, and C. W. Tatum, correspondents from the Yadkin Association, were cordially received, by the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

4. On motion of br. Wm. Lambeth, the Moderator appointed br. Jonathan Welsh, Eli Davis, and Aquilla Jones, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, during the meeting, and brn. Wm. Owen and Alexander Delap, a Committee of Finance.

5. On motion, appointed the Delegates and Pastor of Reed's Cross Roads, to act as Committee to arrange religious services during this meeting, except on the Sabbath.

6. On motion, the Association gave away for the Bible Society, at 2 o'clock on Saturday; and br. E. Dodson appointed to deliver an address.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder R. H. Griffith.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

Met according to previous adjournment. Religious services by br. R. H. Griffith.

1. On motion, Committee of Arrangements reported. The Report received and the Committee continued.

2. Invited transient Ministers and Licentiates to take seats: Wm. H. Davis from the Yadkin came forward and took a seat with us.—Br. E. F. Eaton came forward as a correspondent from the Yadkin, and was received.

3. Appointed Elders R. H. Griffith, C. W. Bessent, and E. Dodson, a standing committee on Resolutions.

4. Called on correspondents to Sister Associations to report: Elder Wm. Turner attended the Yadkin, was cordially received, and had an interesting meeting. Elder A. Weaver reported, that he and the brethren appointed, attended the Sandy Creek Association, and gave an interesting account of that body, and their progress. Br. Redwine attended the Pee Dee; but the rest were not present to report. Those appointed to attend the Bulah, gave a satisfactory excuse for not attending.

4. On motion, the Report of the Correspondents received, and those that failed to attend, were excused.

5. On motion, appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations:—To the Yadkin, Elder Wm. Turner and brn. Wm. R. Coggin and R.

J. Charles; to be held at the East Bend. To Sandy Creek, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October; Elder A. Weaver, brn. Wm. Owen, and A. Palmer; to be held in Chatham County, 14 miles S. W. of Pittsboro', at Bear Creek Church. To Pee Dee, to be held in Anson County, Pine M. H.; Elder B. Lanier, br. John Redwine, and br. Eli Davis. To Buelah, to be held at Cane Creek, about 10 miles S. W. of Hillsborough, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1858; Elder A. Weaver, Wm. Lambeth, and brn. John Teague, James Smith, and Wm. Owen.

6. Called on Board of Missions to report:—Three of the Board reported that they had one meeting, employed Elder A. Weaver, paid over the funds, and held no more meetings. The Report received and Board dismissed.

7. Called on Missionaries to report: When Elders A. Weaver, A. Williams, Wm. Turner, and Wm. Lambeth reported. The Reports received and ordered to be attached to the Minutes. [See Appendix, A, B, C, D.

8. On motion, the Association recommend the Greensboro' Church, worshiping at Cumberland, to purify themselves; and we tender the services of Elder A. Weaver, if requested, to aid in the same.

9. On motion, agreed to have the Churches comprizing each District, printed, or attached to the Minutes.

10. On motion, agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body with Holloways Church, 10 miles S. E. of Lexington, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1858.

On motion, appointed Elder A. Weaver to preach the Introductory Sermon; and br. Wm. Turner, his alternate.

On motion, appointed Elder B. Lanier to preach a Missionary Sermon; Wm. Turner his alternate.

11. On motion, appointed the following Committees: On Church Letters and State of Religion, Elder Wm. Lambeth, Wm. R. Coggin and B. Churchill. On Sabbath Schools, Elder R. H. Griffith, Ebenezer Merrell, Wm. Clinard and John Cornish. On Missions, Home and Foreign, Elder Wm. Turner, Aquilla Jones, and R. J. Charles. On Bible and Publication Society, Elder C. W. Bessent, Enoch Davis and S. W. Lanier. On Periodicals, Elder E. Dodson, John Teague, and Wm. Owen. On Colportage, Elder E. Dodson, C. W. Bessent and A. Williams. On Temperance, B. F. Eaton, B. Churchill, and John Cornish. On Baptist State Convention, Elder R. H. Griffith, brn. Wm. Owen and Pinkney Redwine. On Education, A. Williams, A. Delap, and R. S. Green.

12. On motion, adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Wm. Turner.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

13. On motion, the Report on Missions received, and Committee discharged. [Letter E.]

14. On motion, the Committee on Finance reported that they had received from the churches, $18 37. Report received, and Committee discharged.

15. On motion, the Resolutions offered on Colportage and on Minister's and Deacons Meetings, were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

16. On motion, the Association proceeded to the choice of preachers to occupy the stand on the Sabbath, which resulted in the choice of Elders R. H. Griffith and C. W. Bessent.

17. On motion, the Committee on the Bible and Publication Society, reported: Report received and Committee discharged. [See F.]

18. The Resolution offered by the Committee on Baptist State Convention, received and Committee discharged. [See G.]

19. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Elder C. W. Bessent.

SABBATH.

The Ministers appointed to preach on this day, met an unusually large, respectable and orderly congregation. At 10 o'clock, Elder C. W. Bessent preached from Matthew, the 25th chapter and 13th verse. Elder Wm. Turner followed at 11 o'clock, from John, the 6th chapter 27th verse. A public collection was taken up for Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association, amounting to $22 25.

After a recess of one hour, or at 3 o'clock, P. M., Elder R. H. Griffith preached from 1 Peter. 3rd chapter and 15th verse,—all of which were edifying and interesting to the attentive hearer.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24th, 1857.

1. The Association met according to adjournment. And after religious services by br. Jno. A. Cornish, the Association proceeded to business, in the following manner:

2. The standing Committee on Resolutions reported; and after several interesting speeches by Elders Dodson, Griffith, Weaver and others, the Resolutions were read, adopted, and ordered to be annexed to the Minutes.

Resolved, That we recommend this Association to revive Ministers and Deacon's Meetings at times and places most convenient.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches within our bounds to send up in their letters to the Association the amount paid to their Pastors.

3. The Committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, reported:—Report received and Committee discharged. [See H.]

4th. The Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported: Report received and Committee discharged. [See I.]

5. The Committee on Temperance reported: Report read and adopted, and committee discharged. [See J.]

6. The Committee on Education reported: Report adopted.—[See K.]

7. On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we request our Pastors to act as colporteurs within their respective fields, during the ensuing year; and to aid them in this matter, we appoint a Board consisting of the following persons, to wit: James Wiseman, Wm. Owen, Henry Smith, A. Palmer and J. A. Parks; three of whom may form a quorum to procure the Books and furnish the several Pastors with the same.

8. On motion, a Committee of one member from each Church represented, report the following arrangements for Minister's and Deacon's Meetings in the following manner, viz:

Big Creek, Lick Creek and Tom's Creek to compose the 1st District. Holloways, Jersey and Salisbury the 2nd. Reed's Cross Roads, Marion, Pine Meeting House, and Liberty, the 3rd. And Abbott's Creek, Jamestown, Greensborough and New Friendship, the 4th.—The first meeting to be held with Lick Creek Church, commencing on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath after August, and be held regularly in each District on the fifth Sabbath.

9. On motion, the Report of the Committee on Periodicals received and committee discharged. [See L.]

10. On motion, called on the Treasurer to report;

For printing Minutes and Postage,	$12 22
Clerk's allowance for last year,	5 00
Amount,	17 22
On hand last year,	19 22
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hand of	2 00

Report of Committee of Finance.

Received from the churches,	$18 97

In accordance with a motion of the Association, we give an account of the Churches composing the three Districts of the Accociation :— 1st Section, New Friendship, Abbots Creek, Jamestown, and Greensboro', 2nd, Jersey, Liberty, Pine Meeting House, Marion, Reed's Cross Roads, and Salisbury. 3rd, Holloways, Tom's Creek, Lick Creek and Big Creek.

11. *Resolved*, That this Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends for their liberality in supporting this meeting during its session.

12. We further authorize the Clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

13. On motion, we adjourn to the time and place of the next session of this Body, when a few very feeling and appropriate remarks were made by the Moderator, and concluded with singing and prayer.

AMOS WEAVER, *Moderator.*

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

A.—Report of Missionaries.

I spent three months in your service, labored, I know not how much, and kept no account of the distance traveled; but know that I labored to the extent and even beyond my ability.

I witnessed the Baptism of three at Lick Creek, and several at New Friendship, and had interesting meetings, at various places.

I received from the churches and others, the following sums, viz : From an individual at Abbott's Creek, 25 cts. do. at Kendals, $5 00. Lick Creek, $10 00. Columbia, $1 20. New Friendship, $3 95. Tom's Creek, $1 00. Rev. B. Lanier and family, $2 25. Jersey, $10 00. Holloway's, $5 00. Greensboro', B. Churchill, $5 00. Br. Jonathan Welsh, $3 25. Br. J. A. Parks, $1 75. A. Williams, Clerk, $11 63. Abbott's Creek, $10 00.

Total receipts from churches and others, $70 08.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMOS WEAVER.

(B.)—Dear Brethren :—Permit me, as your Missionary to the Pine Meeting House, to submit the following report :

I have attended that church monthly, since last Association, with preaching whenever the weather and my health admitted; administered the Lord's Supper once; and received fifty cents from one individual. I took up no public collection.

I find there considerable opposition from our opposing brethren, yet the congregations are serious and respectful, and there is a prospect of good being done.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. WILLIAMS.

(C.)—Rev. WM. TURNER'S Report, as Missionary in the Northern part of the Liberty Association.

I have traveled several miles, (took no account,) and preached twenty-two sermons; Baptised, 1 or 12, &c.,—only one properly in the Missionary field. Received about three dollars remuneration.—Winston conventional operations and pastoral services not included.

WM. TURNER.

(D.)—Dear Brethren: The following is my report, as Missionary to the County of Rowan.

Since my appointment, I have preached twenty-five sermons, held eighteen prayer meetings, delivered eighteen exhortations, baptized three persons in Jersey Church, and received $33 84 cents compensation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. LAMBETH, Missionary.

E. Report on Missions.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The field of Missions embraces the destitute parts of our Association, of the State, of the 20 Southern States, and of the World.

The wants of North Carolina should be supplied.

Our Southern States have destitution. As many as 500,000 foreigners are coming yearly into America. The New States are principally their homes. In China there are eighteen States with different dialects; but when words are *written* all understand them. More than 75,000,000 have rebelled in the very heart of China, and their commander is opposed to Idolatry. The African Mission is very prosperous. The fields enlarging, are demanding more prayers and more sacrifices.

EXAMPLES OF BENEVOLENCE.

The English Baptists give $1 for each member, to Foreign Missions. The Goshen Association, in Virginia, with a membership of 10,269, gives $5.571 58 cts, yearly, or 54 cents per member, to our various Boards. She has six Missionaries and two Colporteurs in and out of her bounds, in Virginia. Besides what she does in Virginia, she gives yearly, $2,860 for Foreign Missions. She has a Sabbath School in almost every church. She realizes the promise, "they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength."

The Dan River Association, in Virginia, 20 odd miles below Danville, and numbering, in 1856, 1,697 members, gave in that year to our various Boards, $1,038 11 cts., or 61 cents to each member. If the Liberty Association of 980 members would give the same, the amount for the Home, Bible, and Foreign Boards would be $597 80 cts.

System.—If every member would give one-tenth of his gross income, or as much as a pious Jew gave 3,000 years ago, the sum could be raised. God has a system in creation, and without system nothing definite can be done.

Information.—The Commission, and the Home and Foreign Journal are the organs. Both are printed monthly in Richmond, Va., The price of the first is $1 and of the second 25 cents.

The gospel is *aggressive*, and is designed to cover the whole earth.

Respectfully submitted.

The Bible Society held a meeting on Saturday August the 22nd, at 3 o'clock; (the Association gave away at this hour;) and after their organization, proceeded to elect officers for the present year, which resulted as follows: A. Williams, *President.* Isaac Kenney, 1*st Vice President;* J. A. Parks, 2*nd Vice President;* Wm. Turner, 3*rd Vice President.* Amos Weaver, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

LIFE MEMBERS.

A. Williams, J. A. Parks, Alexander Delap, and Catharine Delap, Isaac Kinney, B. Lanier, Dr. W. H. Wiseman.

Annual members, by the payment of fifty cents.

Amos Weaver, John A. Cornish, Gersham Tussey, James Wiseman, Benjamin Churchill, Ebenezer Merrell, George Byerly, Jacob Kimble, E. W. Tatum, Wm. Owen, George Riley.

Amount given by Life members,	$10 00
Annual members,	5 50
Public collection,	45
Whole amount paid	15 95

Elder A. Weaver and Elder Wm. Lambeth were appointed to deliver addresses before the B.B. Society at our next annual Association.

E. Dodson, *Secretary.* A. WILLIAMS, *President.*

G. Report of Committee on N. C. B. State Convention.

Resolved, That the past success of the State Convention calls for our hearty gratitude to God, and its present efforts demand the most liberal co-operation of every Baptist in the State.

H. Church Letters and Religion.

The Committee on Church Letters and State of Religion report:—That from the statistics of the churches in this Association, we find that during the past year, there has been little or no increase in our numerical strength. Religion seems to be at a very low state within our bounds. We ask, why does this state of things exist?—The Lord's arm is not shortened, nor is he deaf, that he cannot hear. We believe that it is now as it was in the days of the prophet,—that the sins of the people have separated them from their God.

Brethren, we would call your earnest attention to this subject, that you may devise some remedy, under the blessing of God, that this coldness may be removed. Brethren, we have been writing reports and passing resolutions long enough. Come, let us awake to our duty and use every means God has placed within our reach for the building up of the weak points within our bounds. The Committee would recommend those churches that complain of having no pastor, to do their duty in this matter, and God will soon send them an under shepherd to go in and out before them. All of which is respectfully submitted. WM. LAMBETH, *Chairman.*

I. Report on Sabbath Schools.

When we look at the institution of the Sabbath School, we must pronounce it a good one, because God has blessed it as a means of bringing many souls to the knowledge of the gospel of the Son of God. There is much destitution in the bounds of this Association, and therefore we advise the brethren to look after those destitute places, and organize schools in every quarter. Solomon says:—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom." There are hundreds of children in the bounds of this Association who are growing up without the proper bible instruction; therefore let us labor in the vineyard of the Lord, that proper principles may be instilled into their youthful minds. The Sabbath School hath many charms. Organize schools in the desert, and it will flourish and blossom as the rose. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. CORNISH, *Chairman.*

J. Temperance,

The Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report:

The subject of Temperance does not receive that consideration which its importance demands. The church as well as the world, seems too much disposed to close its eyes to the misery which intemperance is causing in society. When we look around us, we see an apparent indifference on this subject, which is sad to behold. It will hardly be necessary to go into an argument to prove that intemperance is a great evil,—a great sin; or that it is lamentably prevalent in society. It is a matter for devout gratitude to God, that its ravages are less at present than at some former periods; while it is a source of grief that it is even now affecting around us, and in our midst, miseries heart rending to contemplate. No grade in society, no profession has escaped its withering blight.

How many young men of the finest talents and fairest prospects have been ruined by it? How many loving wives and doting mother's have been made to drink to the bottom the most bitter cup of sorrow. How many happy family circles have been plunged into grief? How many fathers, proud of the opening prospects of noble sons, have had their hopes crushed, and been made to go mourning all their days, in sadness and sorrow?—All because of intemperance. Nay

more. Has not the church felt the blight of its touch, and the pulpit been invaded by this dire monster, whose touch is ruin, and whose grasp is death?

But these are only the considerations that relate to time. When we lift the veil, and look into the eternal world, the words, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven," being the light by which we see into the future state, alas! alas! how appalling the sight! the soul sickens and turns from the sight. We see hell peopled with the victims of that curse to the human family, strong drink. What christian's heart is not moved by such a sight? Where is the christian heart that is not prompted by the love of souls, the love of Jesus, to put forth the hand and arrest the unfortunate victim of intemperance in his mad career, and to lift a voice of entreaty, beseaching him to stop, ere it is too late; and to afford all the help in his power to effect the needed reformation?

Brethren, how can this be done? How will you do it? By closing your eyes to the danger; by setting the example yourselves and indulging in drinking strong drink; by making it an article of trade or engaging in the work of selling it? We ask, in the name and for the sake of immortal souls, is this the way you will arrest the progress of this soul destroying evil in our midst? God Almighty forbid. It is time for us to awake out of sleep on this subject; it is high time the church was exerting itself to eradicate the monster evil from our midst.

Let us, brethren, take a bold, and God-helping, an immovable stand in this matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. EATON, *Chairman.*

K. Report on Education.

The subject of education is one which commends itself to an enlightened community; but its moral bearing is so manifest, as to merit the fostering care of the christian church. Hence the advocates of pure christianity have always been the efficient promoters of education. It is manifest that it will not do for christians to stand aloof from the great interest and suffer it to fall under the exclusive control of those who have little or no regard for the moral or religious training of the rising generation.

We rejoice to see the Baptist denomination taking so much interest in this good and great enterprise. We hope that the day is not far distant when every parent will be awakened to his duty in this matter, especially every christian father and mother. For it is the opinion of your committee, that no parent discharges the obligations God has imposed upon him or her, who fails to use every possible means to give his or her children a good education. It gives to an individual an influence which nothing else can impart. A young gentleman or lady with a good education, may soon acquire influence, and do much more to benefit society than one with a fortune, but uneducated. We think this should cause every parent to stretch every nerve to give his son or daughter that intellectual training which will command respect wheresoever they may go.

Brethren, you know where our denominational schools are, male and female. Then send your sons and daughters. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

L. Periodicals.

Your Committee would recommend the Biblical Recorder to all our members. It ought to have 5,000 instead of 2,500 subscribers. A general effort would secure the result. The Home and Foreign Journal at 25 a year, and the Commission at $1 a year, ought to be in every family to give light on our three General Boards. Both are monthly and come from Richmond, Va., one at $1 per year and the other at 25 cents. The "Young Reaper," from Philadelphia, a Sunday School paper, coming to many places in North Carolina, is 12½ cents per copy. The "Southern Review, from Nashville, Tennessee, at $2 per year, and the "Christian Review, of Baltimore, Maryland, at $3 per year, are excellent works.

ELIAS DODSON, Chairman.

A Tabular View of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized....	Rec. by Lett.	Restored.	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total Num.	Fund.		C. Meet. Sa.
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	Alfred Kinney	Jas. Adderton, Jos. Carreck, Pinkney Redwine,	3	1		1	2	2	77	2	79	2	00	4
Jersey,	do	Cotton Grove,	Amos Weaver,	Henry Smith, Wm. Owen, Ebenezer Merrell,	11			2		5	103	149	252	3	92	1
Abbott's Creek,	do	Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Aquilla Jones, Wm. Clinard. John Teague,				5		1	85	2	85	1	50	3
Tom's Creek,	do	Healing Springs,	B. Lanier,	Peter Riley, Simeon Sheets, Samuel Lanier,	1				4	1	25	4	29	1	00	3
Jamestown,	Guildford,	Jamestown,	No supply,	Jonathan Welch, Branson Harris,				3			21		21		75	4
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	No supply,	John Fine, Kinley Miller, Wagoner Miller,						4	45	1	46		75	4
Holloway's,	do	Silver Hill,	Alfred Kinney	Frederick Beanblossom, John Cross, Chas. Smith,		1				1	45	28	73	1	00	2
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	Waughtown,	Wm. Turner,	Alexander Delap, R. J. Charles, Jesse Styers,	12	2	1	4		2	53		53	2	00	2
Big Creek.	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	B. Lanier,	E. H. Davis, Eli Davis, Wm. Hamilton,	1	1				1	47	4	51	1	10	2
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	A. Williams,	Represented by A. Williams,							8	2	10		50	4
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	do	do	Wm. Lambeth,	Daniel S. Hunt, Aaron Yarbrough, Alfred Wood,	2	1			2	1	60	3	72	1	70	2
Marion,	do	do	A. Williams,	R. S. Green, A. Williams,	2			9		4	8	3	11		50	3
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	Wm. Lambeth	William Lambeth,					1	1	41	11	52	1	25	1
Greensborough,	Guilford,	Greensborough,	No supply,	Jonathan P. Ingole, Benjamin Churchill,	1			10	4		19		19	1	00	
					33	6	1	24	13	23	656	199	855	18	47	

List of Ordained Preachers belonging to this Association:—Wm. N. Hereford and Alfred Kinney, of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier, of Tom's Creek; Amos Weaver, of Jersey; A. Williams, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. Turner, of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth, of Salisbury; Orin Churchill, of Jamestown.

Licentiates.—Gersham Tussey, Aaron Yarbrough, and John A. Cornish, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. R. Coggin, and John Redwine, of Lick Creek.

MINUTES

OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held at Reed's Cross Roads Meeting-House, Davidson County, North Carolina., August 21st, 22d, and 24th, 1857.

REED'S CROSS ROADS M. H., DAVIDSON CO., }
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1857. }

The members of Liberty Association met according to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon, in the absence of br. Wm. Turner, was delivered by br. WM. LAMBETH, from Rom. 2nd chapt., 6th verse.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association, in the absence of our former Moderator was called to order by br. A. Weaver, acting as Moderator pro tem. Letters handed in and contents noted. See last page.

2. The Delegates present proceeded to elect a Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of br. AMOS WEAVER.

On motion, the Letter from Greensborough was received, and br. Ingole and Churchwell received as Delegates.

3. On motion, Rev. E. Dodson, from Bulah, Agent for Southern Board of Foreign Missions of N. C.; and Rev R. H. Griffith, C. W. Bessent, and C. W. Tatum, correspondents from the Yadkin Association, were cordially received, by the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

4. On motion of br. Wm. Lambeth, the Moderator appointed br. Jonathan Welsh, Eli Davis, and Aquilla Jones, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements, during the meeting, and brn. Wm. Owen and Alexander Delap, a Committee of Finance.

5. On motion, appointed the Delegates and Pastor of Reed's Cross Roads, to act as Committee to arrange religious services during this meeting, except on the Sabbath.

6. On motion, the Association gave away for the Bible Society, at 2 o'clock on Saturday; and br. E. Dodson appointed to deliver an address.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder R. H. Griffith.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

Met according to previous adjournment. Religious services by br. R. H. Griffith.

1. On motion, Committee of Arrangements reported. The Report received and the Committee continued.

2. Invited transient Ministers and Licentiates to take seats: Wm. H. Davis from the Yadkin came forward and took a seat with us.—Br. E. F. Eaton came forward as a correspondent from the Yadkin, and was received.

3. Appointed Elders R. H. Griffith, C. W. Bessent, and E. Dodson, a standing committee on Resolutions.

4. Called on correspondents to Sister Associations to report: Elder Wm. Turner attended the Yadkin, was cordially received, and had an interesting meeting. Elder A. Weaver reported, that he and the brethren appointed, attended the Sandy Creek Association, and gave an interesting account of that body, and their progress. Br. Redwine attended the Pee Dee; but the rest were not present to report. Those appointed to attend the Bulah, gave a satisfactory excuse for not attending.

4. On motion, the Report of the Correspondents received, and those that failed to attend, were excused.

5. On motion, appointed Correspondents to Sister Associations:—To the Yadkin, Elder Wm. Turner and brn. Wm. R. Coggin and R.

J. Charles; to be held at the East Bend. To Sandy Creek, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October; Elder A. Weaver, brn. Wm. Owen, and A. Palmer; to be held in Chatham County, 14 miles S. W. of Pittsboro', at Bear Creek Church. To Pee Dee, to be held in Anson County, Pine M. H.; Elder B. Lanier, br. John Redwine, and br. Eli Davis. To Buelah, to be held at Cane Creek, about 10 miles S. W. of Hillsborough, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1858; Elder A. Weaver, Wm. Lambeth, and brn. John Teague, James Smith, and Wm. Owen.

6. Called on Board of Missions to report:—Three of the Board reported that they had one meeting, employed Elder A. Weaver, paid over the funds, and held no more meetings. The Report received and Board dismissed.

7. Called on Missionaries to report: When Elders A. Weaver, A. Williams, Wm. Turner, and Wm. Lambeth reported. The Reports received and ordered to be attached to the Minutes. [See Appendix, A, B, C, D.

8. On motion, the Association recommend the Greensboro' Church, worshiping at Cumberland, to purify themselves; and we tender the services of Elder A. Weaver, if requested, to aid in the same.

9. On motion, agreed to have the Churches comprizing each District, printed, or attached to the Minutes.

10. On motion, agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body with Holloways Church, 10 miles S. E. of Lexington, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1858.

On motion, appointed Elder A. Weaver to preach the Introductory Sermon; and br. Wm. Turner, his alternate.

On motion, appointed Elder B. Lanier to preach a Missionary Sermon; Wm. Turner his alternate.

11. On motion, appointed the following Committees: On Church Letters and State of Religion, Elder Wm. Lambeth, Wm. R. Coggin and B. Churchill. On Sabbath Schools, Elder R. H. Griffith, Ebenezer Merrell, Wm. Clinard and John Cornish. On Missions, Home and Foreign, Elder Wm. Turner, Aquilla Jones, and R. J. Charles. On Bible and Publication Society, Elder C. W. Bessent, Enoch Davis and S. W. Lanier. On Periodicals, Elder E. Dodson, John Teague, and Wm. Owen. On Colportage, Elder E. Dodson, C. W. Bessent and A. Williams. On Temperance, B. F. Eaton, B. Churchill, and John Cornish. On Baptist State Convention, Elder R. H. Griffith, brn. Wm. Owen and Pinkney Redwine. On Education, A. Williams, A. Delap, and R. S. Green.

12. On motion, adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Wm. Turner.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

13. On motion, the Report on Missions received, and Committee discharged. [Letter E.]

14. On motion, the Committee on Finance reported that they had received from the churches, $18 37. Report received, and Committee discharged.

15. On motion, the Resolutions offered on Colportage and on Minister's and Deacons Meetings, were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

16. On motion, the Association proceeded to the choice of preachers to occupy the stand on the Sabbath, which resulted in the choice of Elders R. H. Griffith and C. W. Bessent.

17. On motion, the Committee on the Bible and Publication Society, reported: Report received and Committee discharged. [See F.]

18. The Resolution offered by the Committee on Baptist State Convention, received and Committee discharged. [See G.]

19. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Elder C. W. Bessent.

SABBATH.

The Ministers appointed to preach on this day, met an unusually large, respectable and orderly congregation. At 10 o'clock, Elder C. W. Bessent preached from Matthew, the 25th chapter and 13th verse. Elder Wm. Turner followed at 11 o'clock, from John, the 6th chapter 27th verse. A public collection was taken up for Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association, amounting to $22 25.

After a recess of one hour, or at 3 o'clock, P. M., Elder R. H. Griffith preached from I Peter, 3rd chapter and 15th verse,—all of which were edifying and interesting to the attentive hearer.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24th, 1857.

1. The Association met according to adjournment. And after religious services by br. Jno. A. Cornish, the Association proceeded to business, in the following manner :

2. The standing Committee on Resolutions reported ; and after several interesting speeches by Elders Dodson, Griffith, Weaver and others, the Resolutions were read, adopted, and ordered to be annexed to the Minutes.

Resolved, That we recommend this Association to revive Ministers and Deacon's Meetings at times and places most convenient.

Resolved, That we recommend the Churches within our bounds to send up in their letters to the Association the amount paid to their Pastors.

3. The Committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, reported :—Report received and Committee discharged. [See H.]

4th. The Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported : Report received and Committee discharged. [See I.]

5. The Committee on Temperance reported : Report read and adopted, and committee discharged. [See J.]

6. The Committee on Education reported : Report adopted.—[See K.]

7. On motion, the following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we request our Pastors to act as colporteurs within their respective fields, during the ensuing year ; and to aid them in this matter, we appoint a Board consisting of the following persons, to wit : James Wiseman, Wm. Owen, Henry Smith, A. Palmer and J. A. Parks ; three of whom may form a quorum to procure the Books and furnish the several Pastors with the same.

8. On motion, a Committee of one member from each Church represented, report the following arrangements for Minister's and Deacon's Meetings in the following manner, viz :

Big Creek, Lick Creek and Tom's Creek to compose the 1st District. Holloways, Jersey and Salisbury the 2nd. Reed's Cross Roads, Marion, Pine Meeting House, and Liberty, the 3rd. And Abbott's Creek, Jamestown, Greensborough and New Friendship, the 4th.—The first meeting to be held with Lick Creek Church, commencing on Saturday before the fifth Sabbath after August, and be held regularly in each District on the fifth Sabbath.

9. On motion, the Report of the Committee on Periodicals received and committee discharged. [See L.]

10. On motion, called on the Treasurer to report :

For printing Minutes and Postage,	$12 22
Clerk's allowance for last year,	5 00
Amount,	17 22
On hand last year,	19 22
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hand of	2 00

Report of Committee of Finance.

Received from the churches,	$18 97

In accordance with a motion of the Association, we give an account of the Churches composing the three Districts of the Accociation :—1st Section, New Friendship, Abbots Creek, Jamestown, and Greensboro'. 2nd, Jersey, Liberty, Pine Meeting House, Marion, Reed's Cross Roads, and Salisbury. 3rd, Holloways, Tom's Creek, Lick Creek and Big Creek.

11. *Resolved*, That this Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends for their liberality in supporting this meeting during its session.

12. We further authorize the Clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

13. On motion, we adjourn to the time and place of the next session of this Body, when a few very feeling and appropriate remarks were made by the Moderator, and concluded with singing and prayer.

AMOS WEAVER, *Moderator.*

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

A.--Report of Missionaries.

I spent three months in your service, labored, I know not how much, and kept no account of the distance traveled; but know that I labored to the extent and even beyond my ability.

I witnessed the Baptism of three at Lick Creek, and several at New Friendship, and had interesting meetings, at various places.

I received from the churches and others, the following sums, viz : From an individual at Abbott's Creek, 25 cts. do. at Kendals, $5 00. Lick Creek, $10 00. Columbia, $1 20. New Friendship, $3 95. Tom's Creek, $1 00. Rev. B. Lanier and family, $2 25. Jersey, $10 00. Holloway's, $5 00. Greensboro', B. Churchill, $5 00. Br. Jonathan Welsh, $3 25. Br. J. A. Parks, $1 75. A. Williams, Clerk, $11 63. Abbott's Creek, $10 00.

Total receipts from churches and others, $70 08.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMOS WEAVER.

(B.)—Dear Brethren :—Permit me, as your Missionary to the Pine Meeting House, to submit the following report :

I have attended that church monthly, since last Association, with preaching whenever the weather and my health admitted; administered the Lord's Supper once; and received fifty cents from one individual. I took up no public collection.

I find there considerable opposition from our opposing brethren, yet the congregations are serious and respectful, and there is a prospect of good being done.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. WILLIAMS.

(C.)—Rev. WM. TURNER'S Report, as Missionary in the Northern part of the Liberty Association.

I have traveled several miles, (took no account,) and preached twenty-two sermons; Baptised, 1 or 12, &c.,—only one properly in the Missionary field. Received about three dollars remuneration.—Winston conventional operations and pastoral services not included.

WM. TURNER.

(D.)—Dear Brethren : The following is my report, as Missionary to the County of Rowan.

Since my appointment, I have preached twenty-five sermons, held eighteen prayer meetings, delivered eighteen exhortations, baptized three persons in Jersey Church, and received $33. 84 cents compensation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. LAMBETH, Missionary.

E. Report on Missions.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

The field of Missions embraces the destitute parts of our Association, of the State, of the 20 Southern States, and of the World.

The wants of North Carolina should be supplied

Our Southern States have destitution. As many as 500,000 foreigners are coming yearly into America. The New States are principally their homes. In China there are eighteen States with different dialects; but when words are *written* all understand them. More than 75,000,000 have rebelled in the very heart of China, and their commander is opposed to Idolatry. The African Mission is very prosperous. The fields enlarging, are demanding more prayers and more sacrifices.

EXAMPLES OF BENEVOLENCE.

The English Baptists give $1 for each member, to Foreign Missions. The Gosben Association, in Virginia, with a membership of 10,269, gives $5.571 58 cts., yearly, or 54 cents per member, to our various Boards. She has six Missionaries and two Colporteurs in and out of her bounds, in Virginia. Besides what she does in Virginia, she gives yearly, $2,860 for Foreign Missions. She has a Sabbath School in almost every church. She realizes the promise, "they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength."

The Dan River Association, in Virginia, 20 odd miles below Danville, and numbering, in 1856, 1,097 members, gave in that year to our various Boards, $1,038 11 cts., or 61 cents to each member. If the Liberty Association of 980 members would give the same, the amount for the Home, Bible, and Foreign Boards would be $597 80 cts.

System.—If every member would give one-tenth of his gross income, or as much as a pious Jew gave 3,000 years ago, the sum could be raised. God has a system in creation, and without system nothing definite can be done.

Information.—The Commission, and the Home and Foreign Journal are the organs. Both are printed monthly in Richmond, Va., The price of the first is $1 and of the second 25 cents.

The gospel is *aggressive*, and is designed to cover the whole earth.

Respectfully submitted.

The Bible Society held a meeting on Saturday August the 22nd, at 3 o'clock; (the Association gave away at this hour;) and after their organization, proceeded to elect officers for the present year, which resulted as follows: A. Williams, *President*. Isaac Kenney, *1st Vice President*; J. A. Parks, *2nd Vice President*; Wm. Turner, *3rd Vice President*. Amos Weaver, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

LIFE MEMBERS.

A. Williams, J. A. Parks, Alexander Delap, and Catharine Delap, Isaac Kinney, B. Lanier, Dr. W. H. Wiseman.

Annual members, by the payment of fifty cents.

Amos Weaver, John A. Cornish, Gorsham Tussey, James Wiseman, Benjamin Churchill, Ebenezer Morrell, George Byerly, Jacob Kimble, E. W. Tatum, Wm. Owen, George Riley.

Amount given by Life members,	$10 00
Annual members,	5 50
Public collection,	45
Whole amount paid	15 95

Elder A. Weaver and Elder Wm. Iambeth were appointed to deliver addresses before the B.B. Society at our next annual Association.

E. Dodson, *Secretary*. A. Williams, *President*.

G. Report of Committee on N. C. B. State Convention.

Resolved, That the past success of the State Convention calls for our hearty gratitude to God, and its present efforts demand the most liberal co-operation of every Baptist in the State.

H. Church Letters and Religion.

The Committee on Church Letters and State of Religion report:—That from the statistics of the churches in this Association, we find that during the past year, there has been little or no increase in our numerical strength. Religion seems to be at a very low state within our bounds. We ask, why does this state of things exist?—The Lord's arm is not shortened, nor is he deaf, that he cannot hear. We believe that it is now as it was in the days of the prophet,—that the sins of the people have separated them from their God.

Brethren, we would call your earnest attention to this subject, that you may devise some remedy, under the blessing of God, that this coldness may be removed. Brethren, we have been writing reports and passing resolutions long enough. Come, let us awake to our duty and use every means God has placed within our reach for the building up of the weak points within our bounds. The Committee would recommend those churches that complain of having no pastor, to do their duty in this matter, and God will soon send them an under shepherd to go in and out before them. All of which is respectfully submitted. WM. LAMBETH, *Chairman.*

I. Report on Sabbath Schools.

When we look at the institution of the Sabbath School, we must pronounce it a good one, because God has blessed it as a means of bringing many souls to the knowledge of the gospel of the Son of God. There is much destitution in the bounds of this Association, and therefore we advise the brethren to look after those destitute places, and organize schools in every quarter. Solomon says:—"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom." There are hundreds of children in the bounds of this Association who are growing up without the proper bible instruction; therefore let us labor in the vineyard of the Lord, that proper principles may be instilled into their youthful minds. The Sabbath School hath many charms. Organize schools in the desert, and it will flourish and blossom as the rose. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. CORNISH, *Chairman.*

J. Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report:

The subject of Temperance does not receive that consideration which its importance demands. The church as well as the world, seems too much disposed to close its eyes to the misery which intemperance is causing in society. When we look around us, we see an apparent indifference on this subject, which is sad to behold. It will hardly be necessary to go into an argument to prove that intemperance is a great evil,—a great sin; or that it is lamentably prevalent in society. It is a matter for devout gratitude to God, that its ravages are less at present than at some former periods; while it is a source of grief that it is even now affecting around us, and in our midst, miseries heart rending to contemplate. No grade in society, no profession has escaped its withering blight.

How many young men of the finest talents and fairest prospects have been ruined by it? How many loving wives and doting mothers have been made to drink to the bottom the most bitter cup of sorrow. How many happy family circles have been plunged into grief? How many fathers, proud of the opening prospects of noble sons, have had their hopes crushed, and been made to go mourning all their days, in sadness and sorrow?—All because of intemperance. Nay

more. Has not the church felt the blight of its touch, and the pulpit been invaded by this dire monster, whose touch is ruin, and whose grasp is death?

But these are only the considerations that relate to time. When we lift the veil, and look into the eternal world, the words, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven," being the light by which we see into the future state, alas! alas! how appalling the sight! the soul sickens and turns from the sight. We see hell peopled with the victims of that curse to the human family, strong drink. What christian's heart is not moved by such a sight? Where is the christian heart that is not prompted by the love of souls, the love of Jesus, to put forth the hand and arrest the unfortunate victim of intemperance in his mad career, and to lift a voice of entreaty, beseaching him to stop, ere it is too late; and to afford all the help in his power to effect the needed reformation?

Brethren, how can this be done? How will you do it? By closing your eyes to the danger; by setting the example yourselves and indulging in drinking strong drink; by making it an article of trade or engaging in the work of selling it? We ask, in the name and for the sake of immortal souls, is this the way you will arrest the progress of this soul destroying evil in our midst? God Almighty forbid. It is time for us to awake out of sleep on this subject; it is high time the church was exerting itself to eradicate the monster evil from our midst.

Let us, brethren, take a bold, and God-helping, an immovable stand in this matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. EATON, *Chairman.*

K. Report on Education.

The subject of education is one which commends itself to an enlightened community; but its moral bearing is so manifest, as to merit the fostering care of the christian church. Hence the advocates of pure christianity have always been the efficient promoters of education. It is manifest that it will not do for christians to stand aloof from the great interest and suffer it to fall under the exclusive control of those who have little or no regard for the moral or religious training of the rising generation.

We rejoice to see the Baptist denomination taking so much interest in this good and great enterprise. We hope that the day is not far distant when every parent will be awakened to his duty in this matter, especially every christian father and mother. For it is the opinion of your committee, that no parent discharges the obligations God has imposed upon him or her, who fails to use every possible means to give his or her children a good education. It gives to an individual an influence which nothing else can impart. A young gentleman or lady with a good education, may soon acquire influence, and do much more to benefit society than one with a fortune, but uneducated. We think this should cause every parent to stretch every nerve to give his son or daughter that intellectual training which will command respect wheresoever they may go.

Brethren, you know where our denominational schools are, male and female. Then send your sons and daughters. All of which is respectfully submitted. A. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

L. Periodicals.

Your Committee would recommend the Biblical Recorder to all our members. It ought to have 5,000 instead of 2,500 subscribers. A general effort would secure the result. The Home and Foreign Journal at 25 a year, and the Commission at $1 a year, ought to be in every family to give light on our three General Boards. Both are monthly and come from Richmond, Va., one at $1 per year and the other at 25 cents. The "Young Reaper," from Philadelphia, a Sunday School paper, coming to many places in North Carolina, is 12½ cents per copy. The "Southern Review, from Nashville, Tennessee, at $2 per year, and the "Christian Review, of Baltimore, Maryland, at $3 per year, are excellent works.

ELIAS DODSON, Chairman.

A Tabular View of the Churches.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptized....	Rec. by Lett.	Restored.	Dis. by Lett.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Colored.	Total Num.	Fund.	C. Meet. Sa.
Lick Creek,	Davidson,	Jackson Hill,	Alfred Kinney	Jas. Adderton, Jos. Carreck, Pinkney Redwine,	3	1		1	2	2	77	2	79	2 00	4
Jersey,	do	Cotton Grove,	Amos Weaver,	Henry Smith, Wm. Owen, Ebenezer Merrell,	11			2		5	103	149	252	3 92	1
Abbott's Creek,	do	Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Aquilla Jones, Wm. Clinard. John Teague,				5		1	85	2	85	1 50	3
Tom's Creek,	do	Healing Springs,	B. Lanier,	Peter Riley, Simeon Sheets, Samuel Lanier,	1				4	1	25	4	29	1 00	8
Jamestown,	Guildford,	Jamestown,	No supply,	Jonathan Welch, Branson Harris,				3			21		21	75	4
Liberty,	Davidson,	Fair Grove,	No supply,	John Fine, Kinley Miller, Wagoner Miller,						4	45	1	46	75	4
Holloway's,	do	Silver Hill,	Alfred Kinney	Frederick Beamblossom, John Cross, Chas. Smith,		1				1	45	28	73	1 00	2
New Friendship,	Forsyth,	Waughtown,	Wm. Turner,	Alexander Delap, R. J. Charles, Jesse Styers,	12	2	1	4		2	53		53	2 00	2
Big Creek.	Montgomery,	Wind Hill,	B. Lanier,	E. H. Davis, Eli Davis, Wm. Hamilton,	1	1				1	47	4	51	1 10	2
Pine M. House,	Davidson,	Lexington,	A. Williams,	Represented by A. Williams,							8	2	10	50	4
Reed's ⋈ Roads,	do	do	Wm. Lambeth,	Daniel S. Hunt, Aaron Yarbrough, Alfred Wood,	2	1			2	1	69	3	72	1 70	2
Marion,	do	do	A. Williams,	R. S. Green, A. Williams,	2			9		4	8	3	11	50	3
Salisbury,	Rowan,	Salisbury,	Wm. Lambeth	William Lambeth,					1	1	41	11	52	1 25	1
Greensborough,	Guilford,	Greensborough,	No supply,	Jonathan P. Ingole, Benjamin Churchill,	1			10	4		19		19	1 00	
					33	6	1	24	13	23	656	199	855	18 47	

LIST OF ORDAINED PREACHERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION:—Wm. N. Hereford and Alfred Kinney, of Lick Creek; Benjamin Lanier, of Tom's Creek; Amos Weaver, of Jersey; A. Williams, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. Turner, of New Friendship; Wm. Lambeth, of Salisbury; Orin Churchill, of Jamestown.

LICENTIATES.—Gersham Tussey, Aaron Yarbrough, and John A. Cornish, of Reed's Cross Roads; Wm. R. Coggin, and John Redwine, of Lick Creek.